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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Alain LANDROT and Francois DEMILLY
SAFETY WHEEL, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A WHEEL AND
BOGIE EQUIPPED WITH SUCH A WHEEL
Assignee: ALSTOM HOLDINGS and VALDUNES
Our Ref: Q78616

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/443,464 (Confirmation No. 7285) filed November 19, 1999 of Alain LANDROT and Francois DEMILLY entitled SAFETY WHEEL, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A WHEEL AND BOGIE EQUIPPED WITH SUCH A WHEEL.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed are a specification, including claims 1-7 and an Abstract, 2 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-3), and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, together with an Information Disclosure Statement listing all references cited in parent application No. 09/443,464.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3617.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/443,464, filed November 19, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	98 14 734	November 19, 1998



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The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/443,464.

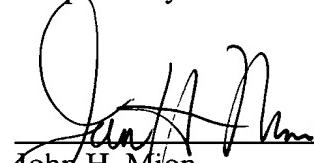
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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